

**Message to the Congress  
Transmitting the Estonia-United  
States Fishery Agreement**

*January 19, 1995*

*To the Congress of the United States:*

In accordance with the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et. seq.*), I transmit herewith the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Estonia Extending the Agreement of June 1, 1992, Concerning Fisheries Off the Coast of the United States. The Agreement, which was effected by an exchange of notes at Tallinn on March 11 and May 12, 1994, extends the 1992 Agreement to June 30, 1996.

In light of the importance of our fisheries relationship with the Republic of Estonia, I urge that the Congress give favorable consideration to this Agreement at an early date.

**William J. Clinton**

The White House,  
January 19, 1995.

**Letter to Congressional Leaders  
Transmitting a Plan for  
Consolidation of International  
Broadcasting**

*January 19, 1995*

*Dear Mr. Chairman:*

Pursuant to the requirements of section 310(a)(2)(B) of the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994 (title III, Public Law 103-236), I am pleased to transmit a Plan for the Consolidation of United States Government International Broadcasting.

The Plan reflects my continued strong commitment to the use of international radio and television as methods for advancing democracy and enlarging the community of free-market nations.

I look forward to working with the Congress on this and other issues in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

**William J. Clinton**

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Jesse Helms, chairman, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations; Mark O. Hatfield, chairman, Senate Committee on Appropriations; Benjamin A. Gilman, chairman, House Committee on International Relations; and Bob Livingston, chairman, House Committee on Appropriations.

**Exchange With Reporters After  
Taping the President's Radio  
Address**

*January 20, 1995*

**Loan Guarantees and Domestic Politics**

**Q.** Mr. President, what do you say to Congressman Leach, who suggests that the partisanship, the bickering over Speaker Gingrich's book deal is poisoning the atmosphere and not allowing this Mexican package to go through?

**The President.** Well, of course, he has been in Washington many more years than I have, but in the 2 years that I have been here, I have seen an unusual amount of partisan bickering. But it didn't stop us from passing GATT, from dealing with NAFTA, from dealing with the urgent problems in Russia that we confronted when I came here early on, and from pursuing a course in the Middle East that is having a very positive result, from doing any number of other things that were critical to the national interest. And it can't stop us now.

We have to do what we always do in these cases. We have to act, act quickly, act with dispatch, and put the national interest first. That's what we all have to do.

NOTE: The exchange began at 11:44 a.m. in the Roosevelt Room at the White House. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.

**Message on the Observance of  
National African American History  
Month, February 1995**

*January 20, 1995*

Warm greetings to everyone celebrating African American History Month, 1995.

Hillary and I join you in marking the brave efforts of the countless Americans throughout our nation's history who have demanded

justice, declared an end to segregation, and fought to ensure that every individual has the opportunity to build a brighter future for themselves and their families.

Today, there is a renewed sense of hope in America—a hope based on the idea that our great diversity can unite rather than divide our society. It is the same hope that has inspired African Americans since our country's beginnings to dream of a nation in which all people enjoy the freedom to make their own lasting contributions to our world. If we are truly to build on history's rich lessons, we must always remember these pioneers' pivotal roles in American history.

Ours can be a land of unprecedented peace and prosperity in the twenty-first century if we have the faith that Martin Luther King described, the faith to "transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood." We must never cease striving to bring people together across racial and cultural barriers. This is our generation's most solemn calling and most important challenge.

I urge everyone, during African American History Month and throughout the year, to take up this challenge and to learn more about the black Americans who have made this country great.

**Bill Clinton**

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### **Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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#### **January 14**

In the afternoon, the President met with a group of writers, professors, and political scientists at Camp David, MD, to discuss the future role of Government.

#### **January 16**

In the morning, the President returned to Andrews Air Force Base, MD, and then traveled to Denver, CO. Following his arrival,

he met with a group of officials from the natural gas industry at the Denver Stapleton International Airport.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Los Angeles, CA.

#### **January 17**

In the late morning, the President met with rescue workers at the Swift Water Rescue Unit at Fire Station 88 to discuss the recent flooding in southern California. Following the meeting, he traveled to Roseville, CA, where he toured flood damage and visited with victims.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to appoint Thomas L. Soto, Kathleen Marr, Dan Eckstrom, Sandra Ferniza, Travis Johnson, and Cynthia Ann Miscikowski as members of the Advisory Council Border Environment Cooperation Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint John J. Sweeney to the National Commission for Employment Policy.

The White House announced that Richard Schifter will assume a broader assignment at the National Security Council as Special Assistant to the President and Counselor. Daniel Fried will succeed Mr. Schifter as Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs and Senior Director for Central and Eastern Europe.

The White House announced the appointment of Coit D. Blacker as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Russian, Ukrainian, and Eurasian Affairs, National Security Council.

#### **January 19**

The President announced his intention to appoint Wayne Cranford to be Chair and the following individuals to be members of the Advisory Committee on the Arts for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: John C. Barsness, Kathie Bartlett, Anne Boyle, Diana Carlin, Arthur Chapa, Bethine Church, Leon Cohan, Darrell Dorgan, Pamela Eakes, Sim Farar, Hartina Flournoy, Joseph Fuchs, John Grisham, Mary Gail Gwaltney, Sharon Harrington, Margaret Dunne Hartigan, Steve Hicks, Kenneth Jacobsen, Susan Roach Kelly, Zina Kramer, Betty Oxendine-Mangum, Bonnie Milenthal,